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**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Administrator Pruitt's trip to Japan

AP is happy to speak with Administrator Pruitt at his convenience, or take comment from the Press Office to our question, which you have yet to provide. Thanks.

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He also addressed this question in his interview with CBS News today. I will send you the link when the full video posts.

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Jahan,

As we discussed previously, if you want AP to quote comment from the agency you need to provide it to us directly.

Also, I would point out that in the published quote you cite Administrator Pruitt said does not specifically deny he would consider either serving as AG or running for Senate, which is what we're requesting comment on.

Thanks again,

Michael

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If you're looking for an on-the-record answer to your question, Pruitt answers that question in his last paragraph.

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Jahan,

Is there something specific you are seeking to outpoint in the WSJ piece? Do you intend to provide direct comment to AP on the questions below?

Thanks,

Michael

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<https://www.wsj.com/articles/scott-pruitt-aims-to-accelerate-his-efforts-to-remake-the-epa-1516220866>

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Also, can you provide any on-the-record comment on whether the administrator has any ambitions for future positions beyond EPA, whether US Attorney General or the US Senate from Oklahoma?

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They are posted on that site only after they occur. The most recent currently there is Jan. 7.

Is this the only comment EPA plans to provide in advance of the Japan trip? Is so, can you provide a reason for the no comment? In the past you all have cited security concerns.

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**“Every meeting that Administrator Pruitt attends is posted on <https://www.epa.gov>.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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**Subject:** Administrator Pruitt's trip to Japan

Liz, Jahan,

AP is planning to report about Administrator Pruitt's trip to Japan next week, citing officials both inside EPA and within the Japanese Foreign Ministry. Can you provide any comment or details about the planned agenda for the trip and who he plans to meet with?

Japan is a major importer of Liquefied Natural Gas, on which it has become more dependent since the Fukushima disaster. Boosting LNG exports was one of the reasons EPA cited for the Morocco trip last month.

Also, Pruitt's calendar shows meetings with LNG pipeline and export owner Kinder Morgan two days before leaving for last month's trip. Can you comment on whether LNG exports to Morocco, Japan or other countries was discussed?

Pruitt's calendar also shows a Dec. 8 meeting with Inspector General Arthur Elkins, whose office announced earlier this month it was expanding an already ongoing probe to include Pruitt's travel expenses through the end of 2017. Please provide comment on whether the two men discussed the administrator's travel during that meeting?

Our information is that the Japan trip will include a contingent of a half dozen aides and cost more than \$43,000, not including security. That is more than twice the size and cost of a similar trip taken by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy in 2015.

Our understanding is that Pruitt's airline ticket cost more than \$10,300, which corresponds to the cost of a Business Class seat and is more than three times what McCarthy's 2015 ticket cost. Can you comment on why Administrator Pruitt utilizes premium class airfare when he travels.

A prompt response is appreciated.

Thanks,

Michael

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